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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Whipstock Casing Milling System

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sirs:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A whipstock casing milling system for forming a window in the casing of a wellbore, the casing having an inwardly facing surface which defines the inside diameter of the casing and an outwardly facing surface which defines the outside diameter of the casing, the whipstock casing milling system comprising: a whipstock having a whipface, the whipface comprising a relatively steep ramp surface and one of a relatively shallow ramp surface or parallel surface meeting the relatively steep ramp surface at a juncture, said surfaces being one of ramped or parallel relative to a longitudinal axis of the whipstock and the relatively steep ramp surface having an angle to the longitudinal axis of the whipstock greater than that